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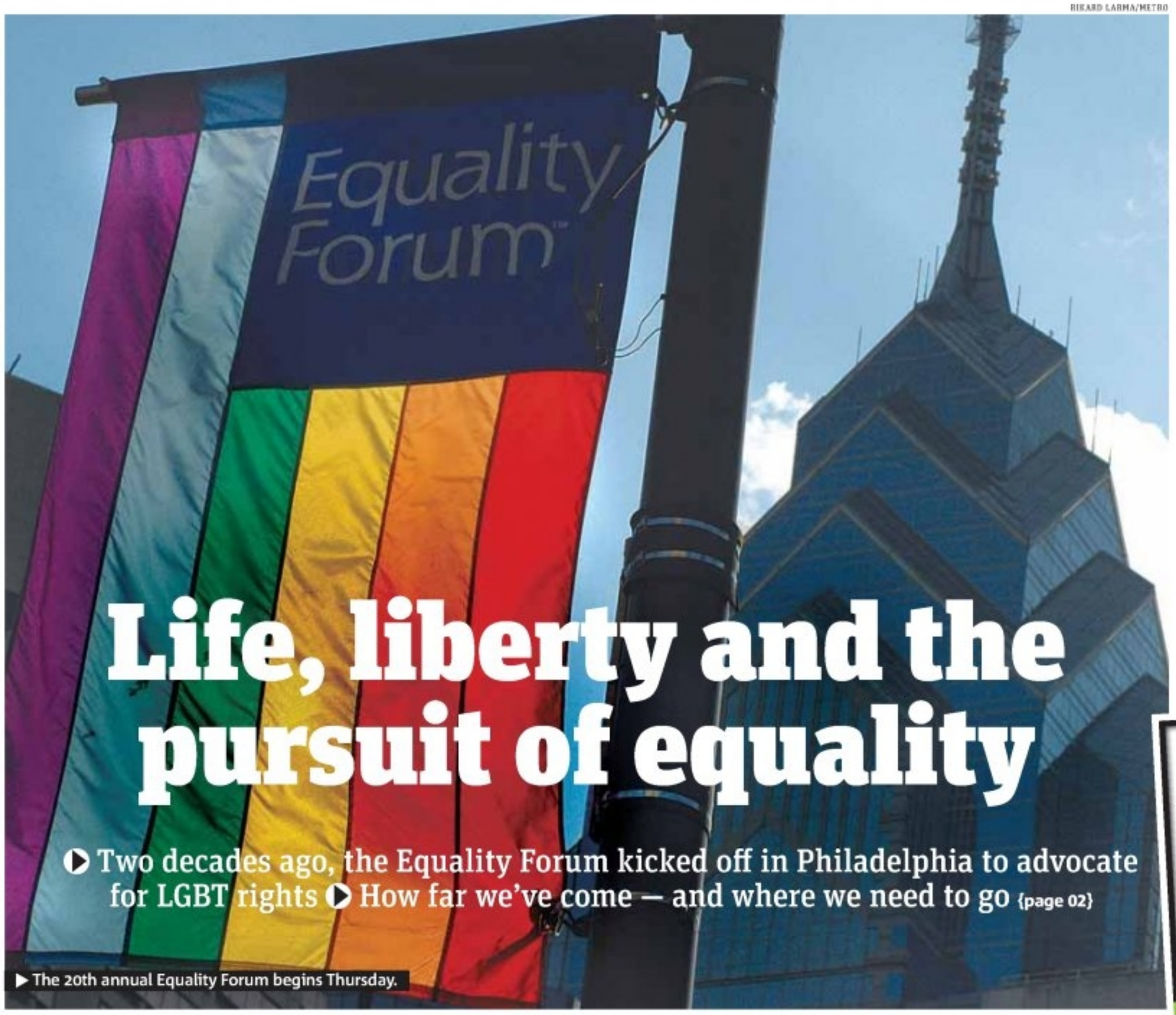

Life, liberty and the pursuit of equality

Two decades ago, the Equality Forum kicked off in Philadelphia to advocate for LGBT rights How far we've come — and where we need to go {page 02}

▶ The 20th annual Equality Forum begins Thursday.

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Equality Forum looks back over two decades

Much has changed since 1992, when the first LGBT rights conference was held ‘There was tremendous oppression for the gay community,’ says founder Equality still elusive

Philadelphia’s Equality Forum was founded in 1992. It was eight years before the first U.S. state legalized same-sex marriage, 11 years before consenting men were able to legally consummate same-sex relationships in all parts of the country and 20 years before gender-identity discrimination was banned from federal housing programs.

“Twenty years ago, there was tremendous oppression for the gay community,” Equality Forum founder and director Malcolm Lazin said as the event nears its two-decade anniversary, which begins Thursday. “Looking back over the 20 years, there is unbelievable progress that has been made, particularly around the support for gay issues people are giving across the board.”

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▶ “I think 20 years ago, 98 percent of our community was in the closet. Today, I think certainly most gays and lesbians are out and proud of who they are,” said Lazin.

Philadelphia itself has seen great gains this year alone. Mayor Michael Nutter and longtime advocate Mark Segal recently announced plans for a senior housing facility that will be the country’s largest publicly-funded construction project serving the LGBT community.

Attorney Brian Sims unseated longtime state House representative for Center City Babette Josephs in last week’s primary elections, poising him to become the state’s first openly gay legislator.

“I know for certain that 20 years ago, this was impossible. I don’t think 20 months ago this was possible,” Sims said. “Watching so many people stand up over the last year, Republicans and Democrats, Pennsylvanians have heard a lot about equality and democracy.”

But Lazin cautions that the fight for equal rights is nowhere near over. “I think a lot of people can be misguided by assuming that achieving same-sex marriage is equivalent to achieving equality,” he said. “I think equality is when youth are safe and there’s full equality across the board for all Americans.”

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Focus on Israel

Israel is the featured country at this year’s forum.

- The Israeli ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, will give the keynote address at the International Equality Dinner. The Israeli delegation includes New Family founder Irit Rosenblum, who created a government-recognized Common Law marriage ID used by gay couples.
- The openly gay Sharon Singer, director for public information for the Israeli Consulate, is the consulate’s point person for the dinner. “I have always felt that gays are part of the mainstream of Israeli society and are allowed to bloom there,” she said. LAURA GOLDMAN

“Despite the progress, there’s still a lot of homophobic bullying that results in emotional damage and suicides.”
MALCOLM LAZIN

On the agenda

Equality Forum’s three-day roster is often reduced solely to its very public face: the glitter-dusted, club music-thumping SundayOUT! pride parade that caps off the itinerary each year.

But the summit’s core is sustained by discussions and presentations that draw prominent advocates from around the world to discuss the state of LGBT rights. This year, the schedule includes national racial, legal, sports and military panels; an art exhibit featuring renowned openly gay Israeli photographer David Adika; and programs addressing youth advocacy. METRO/AW

In the news

Baby survives three-story fall

A 1-year-old child is miraculously unharmed after falling out of a third-floor window Saturday morning. Police said the child plunged from a rear bedroom shortly before 8:40 a.m. and landed in a trash pile in back of the home. She was taken to St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in stable condition. No charges have been filed. METRO/AW

Murder charge in shooting

Police have charged a man with murder in a shooting that was initially reported to be accidental. Robert Jones, 36, allegedly shot Sandrea Smith, 35, once in the head inside his apartment on the 2100 block of East Somerset Street shortly before 3 p.m. Saturday. She died on the scene. Some outlets reported that Jones accidentally discharged his gun while cleaning it, but police said yesterday that he was taken into custody for homicide. METRO/AW

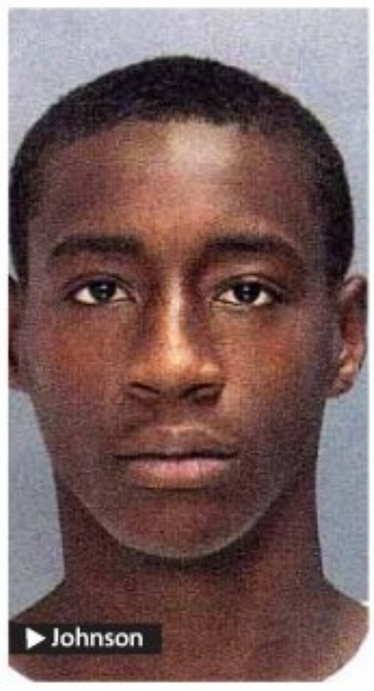
Missing man finds himself

PHILADELPHIA. An adopted Philadelphia man closed his own 34-year-old missing persons case after stumbling on an age-progression image of himself on the Internet, ABC News reported Saturday.

Steven Carter, 35, found a photo bearing a strong resemblance to himself as a child under the name Marx Panama Moriarty Barnes while browsing MissingKids.com in 2010. He called police in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was adopted from a foster home at the age of 4, and DNA results recently confirmed him to be the child in the picture, according to the outlet.

Carter’s biological mother, who reportedly disappeared for weeks at a time with her infant son, allegedly gave authorities a false name for both herself and Carter when she was institutionalized in a mental health facility. He was subsequently taken into foster care, making police unable to reconnect him with his biological father.

Carter has since reached out to his paternal family and spoken with his father and half-sister, who live in California, according to the report. METRO/AW



▶ Johnson

Jury selection begins for NoLibs murder trial

PHILADELPHIA. Jury selection is expected to begin today in the capital murder trial of a 20-year-old man accused of raping and brutally killing a waitress in 2010.

Donte Johnson is charged with the murder of Sabina Rose O’Donnell, 20, on June 2, 2010, outside her apartment near Fourth St. and Girard Ave. after spotting her on a bike. O’Donnell’s naked body was found in a lot next to her building. If convicted, Johnson could face the death penalty.

Johnson’s attorneys are expected to make a motion to suppress the statement he made to police. In the statement, Johnson allegedly confessed to police that he grabbed O’Donnell and dragged her into the lot, where he took her clothes off and raped her. METRO/SDL

New direction

At one point, Johnson had agreed to plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence, but his family changed lawyers and decided to go to trial.

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A step up from tailgating for Phils fans

The main event may have been over at Citizens Bank Park, but Phillies fans got the party started earlier in the afternoon at the new Xfinity Live! entertainment complex across the street. After the game, there would be less to celebrate: The Cubs defeated the Phillies 5-1. METRO

New $2.76M stimulus for Philly's arts scene

When developing her arts grant program, Erica Hawthorne was thinking small. She knew she wouldn't be able to single-handedly raise the next Roots, but maybe she could come up with $75 to help a band promote their demo release party. She couldn't fund a residency for a young Zoe Strauss, but $100 goes a long way for a budding photographer hanging her first show.

It was an idea so obviously missing in Philadelphia — where grants tend to be large, highly competitive and handed out to established organizations — that Hawthorne almost didn't pitch it to the Knight Arts Challenge. Fortunately, she followed through, and her Small But Mighty Arts Grant is one of 35 projects to benefit from $2.76 million in funding from the Knight Foundation, which seeks to support and develop local arts scenes.

▶ Knight Arts winner Erica Hawthorne proves big ideas can start small.

"Resources can be limiting. If they're just $50 to $100 away from their next CD, these steps should be more accessible." HAWTHORNE

"I would like to see more Philadelphia artists, more best-kept-secrets, advancing their career," says Hawthorne, a spoken word artist and vocalist. "When I look at success, I see a bunch of small steps."

Other Knight winners include ColorWheels, a mobile studio specializing in neighborhood art drive-bys, and gallery Little Berlin, which will turn an abandoned Kensington lot into a performance space.

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Apple uses office locations to minimize tax

Apple Inc. uses offices in states other than California, where it's headquartered, and countries outside the U.S. to help minimize its overall tax burden, the New York Times reported.

The company has an office in Reno, Nev., to collect and invest its profits and avoid paying California's 8.84 percent corporate tax rate on some of its gains, the newspaper said. Nevada's tax rate is zero, the Times said. The method, which is legal, is one of many that enables the iPad and iPhone maker to reduce its tax bill by billions of dollars each year, the newspaper said in a story published yesterday.

Former Treasury Department economist Martin Sullivan estimates Apple paid cash taxes of $3.3 billion worldwide on posted profit of $34.2 billion last year, and would have paid $2.4 billion more in U.S. taxes without the arrangement it has, the newspaper said.

Technology companies, due to a tax code skewed to an industrial age and not a digital one, are among the least-taxed businesses in the U.S., the Times said, citing government and corporate data.

Bloomberg News reported in October 2010 that Google Inc. cut its taxes by $3.1 billion in the three years prior using strategies known as the "Double Irish" and "Dutch Sandwich." **BLOOMBERG**

Japan. No Nukes

▶ Participants take part in a "Twit No Nukes" demonstration in the Shibuya district protesting against Japan's nuclear energy policies and the radiation contamination from the March 2011 Fukushima Daiichi disaster.

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Anti-nuclear demonstration

"Twit No Nukes" demonstrations are primarily made up of citizens who have not joined demonstrations or protests previously, and the group gains its name from the fact that it is organized via Twitter social media networking.

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Starwood hotels ready to make return to Iraq 20 years after Gulf War

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., owner of the luxury St. Regis and W brands, plans to re-enter the Iraqi market, almost 20 years after exiting as a result of the Gulf War.

Starwood signed deals to operate two hotels in Erbil, Iraq, Guido De Wilde, senior vice president for the Middle East, said in an interview in Dubai yesterday. The hotelier will operate a 250-room Four Points by Sheraton and a Sheraton property with 221 rooms and 39 suites in 2015.

Starwood opened two hotels in Iraq in 1982, in Basra and Baghdad, that were closed following the Gulf War in 1990. Erbil is Iraq's fourth-largest city with a population of around 1.3 million. It is also the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, which is perceived as safer region for business. **BLOOMBERG**

One dead, dozens hurt as storm hits St. Louis beer tent

One person was killed and dozens were injured on Saturday when a thunderstorm packing high winds blew down a beer tent on baseball fans celebrating after a St. Louis Cardinals game, police said.

Several of those hurt were listed in critical condition at area hospitals, officer Sherri Bruns of the St. Louis Police Department told Reuters.

The person killed was identified only as a male, and the exact cause of his death was not immediately clear.

A spokesman for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Jamie Gagliarducci, said that 20 people were treated in the facility's emergency room. **REUTERS**

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▶ Try not to look so surprised, Mr. President.

In a surprise move, President Obama and his Republican rival for the office, Mitt Romney, agreed last week: They both, apparently, support an extension of the freeze on student loan interest rates, which are scheduled to double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 barring an act of Congress.

In a completely unsurprising move, this alleged agreement has now developed into an election battle. House Republicans, perhaps sensing blood in the water, decided to go ahead and pass the rate freeze despite championing a budget proposal to do away with it and many other similar programs. But here's the rub: To pay for it, they want to do away with Obamacare's $10 billion prevention and public health fund — which Speaker John Boehner refers to disdainfully as Obama's "slush fund."

The president has promised to veto this resolution, which also should not surprise anyone. The Republican plan does, after all, present Obama with a distasteful pair of choices: To "compromise" and pass the law, thereby handing the GOP what they've really wanted all along, defeat of his signature health care law, at least in part; or fight and face attacks from the right over the issue. Obama seems intent on the latter.

About time, really.

Of course, there's spin from Dems, too, who claim their rivals' proposals to cut the health fund amount to another skirmish in the "war on women." It does seem that way, but we know it for it really is: just another front in the ongoing war on Obama.

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Meanwhile, at Nerd Prom

Washington's not all doom, gloom, sex scandals and mutual obstructionism rooted in deep historical hatreds. Mostly it is, but not all. Because once a year we — well, not "we" we, but, you know, the more famous and fabulous "we"s among us — are treated to the White House Correspondents Association dinner, aka Nerd Prom, that star-studded affair that brings Hollywood celebrities and politicians together with nationally renowned journalists and one very lucky comedian for an evening of collective ribbing. This year, late night host Jimmy Kimmel delivered most of the jokes, though President Obama served up a few of his own. What follows is our selection of the night's best:

Whose jokes were funniest? Let us know what you think at letters@metro.us

▶ Jimmy Kimmel

- "Now, some have said I blame too many problems on my predecessor, but let's not forget that's a practice that was initiated by George W. Bush." **OBAMA**
- "If you told me when I was a kid I would be standing on a dais with President Barack Obama, I would have said, 'The president's name is Barack Obama?'" **KIMMEL**
- "In my first term we repealed the policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Wait! In my second term we will replace it with a policy known as It's Raining Men." **OBAMA**
- "There's a term for guys like (the) president. Probably not two terms." **KIMMEL**
- "Jimmy got his start years ago on 'The Man Show.' In Washington, that's what we call a congressional hearing on contraception." **OBAMA**
- "Democrats would like you to stick to your guns. And if you don't have any guns, you can ask Eric Holder to get some for you." **KIMMEL**
- "In my first term, we passed health care reform. In my second term, I guess I'll pass it again." **OBAMA**
- "They say diplomacy is a matter of carrot and sticks, and since Michelle Obama got to the White House — so is dinner." **KIMMEL**

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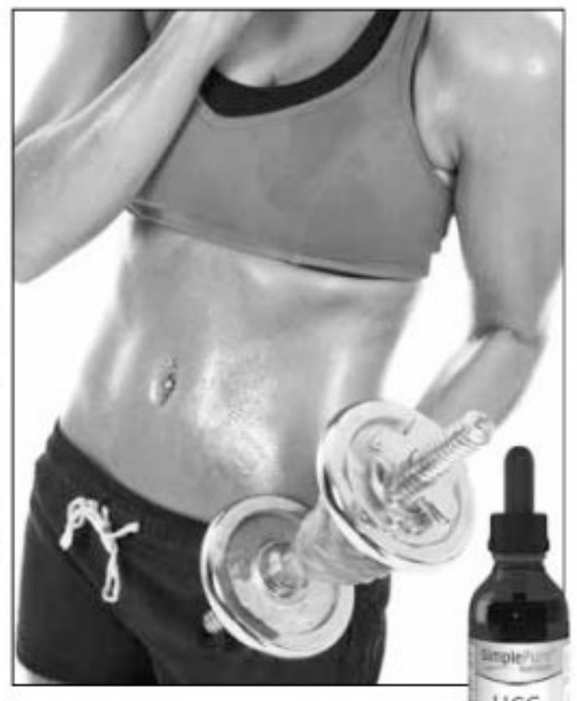

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THE WORD

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A weekend of renewing wedding vows, celebrity style

▶ The happy couple on Friday.

Are you a celebrity couple who needs a good reason to send out a press release? But you don't feel like 1. Announcing a pregnancy or 2. Getting a divorce? Then just renew your wedding vows! It's a surefire way to get some attention thrown your way.

First up this weekend? **Mariah Carey** and **Nick Cannon** renewed their vows Friday at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Spokeswoman Cindi Berger said the couple celebrated with an "intimate ceremony after a romantic dinner at the beautiful Jules Verne restaurant." I love how "intimate" these days refers to having a hoard of photographers on the scene — as well as a publicist.

Not to be outdone, **LeAnn Rimes** and **Eddie Cibrian** renewed their vows on a romantic trip to Calabasas, Calif., on Friday. "We renewed our vows today....it's incredible to thank each other for the past year as husband and wife," Rimes tweeted. "Here's to another great year!"

You know, it's probably bad to be so cynical. After all, with the way Hollywood marriages last, recognizing any amount of time together without getting divorced should be celebrated.

Why Theron is still single

Ever wonder why **Charlize Theron** is still single? She (jokingly) blames **Tom Hanks** and **Daryl Hannah** (as well as the state of the moviemaking industry) for a lack of a ring.

"If I knew that 3-D was going to be such a big deal, I would have gotten that boob job 10 years ago," Theron joked while accepting a Distinguished Decade of Achievement in Film award at CinemaCon, according to Us Weekly. She also took a moment to celebrate the power of movies. "We really learn from these stories," she said. "I mean, I learned everything about love watching 'Splash.' That's why I'm still single, so thanks, Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah for that."

Talking points

▶ Bieber

Indonesia takes it to The Bieber

Justin Bieber is under fire in Indonesia after some offhand remarks he made about the country, where he recorded a track on his new album. During an event in London last week, Bieber said the song was recorded in "some random country" where "they didn't know what they were doing." And now folks in Indonesia are striking back: This weekend, North Sumatra teen-pop radio station KISS 105 FM banned Bieber's music, according to the Jakarta Post. "His tone was very condescending and he is just a 19-year-old boy. This is a country with more than 200 million citizens," Kiss FM executive producer Anggi Simanjuntak says, while one of the station's on-air personalities says the ban would be lifted if Bieber "apologized in a sweet manner and promised not to say such things about Indonesia again."

Lohan late to set of 'Glee'

Lindsay Lohan's attempt to get back to work isn't going too smoothly. The troubled actress reportedly showed up six hours late to film a cameo in an upcoming episode of "Glee," according to Us Weekly. "She came to set with a million demands and was not prepared to work," a source on the set says. "One of her demands has to do with her trailer size. The cast is already worked to death, and then she puts everything behind. She is a diva."

Gellar expecting baby No. 2

Sarah Michelle Gellar and **Freddie Prinze Jr.** are expecting again. The "Ringer" star is pregnant with her second child, her rep confirms to Us Weekly. "She and Freddie are thrilled. They're amazing parents," a source says. Gellar and Prinze have been married 10 years and have a 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte Grace.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Marcia Cross is saying goodbye, Rumer Willis is exercising and Russell Brand is trying to control his spending.

@ReallyMarcia: cannot believe this is the last time i will go to bed and wake to work on Desperate Housewives...last day tomorrow.

@TheRue: Trying out a pole dancing workout class today...kinda stoked

@rustyrockets: I would never burn money. Unless you count the ten grand I spent on cat jackets.

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1. Swizz Beatz brought along wife **Alicia Keys,** who wore Diane von Furstenberg, to Saturday's event.

2. Charlize Theron stunned in a Emilio Pucci black, lace, long-sleeve gown.

3. Newly single **Zooey Deschanel** was decked out in Oscar de la Renta.

4. Uggie from "The Artist" looked very dapper in his pint-sized tux.

5. Lindsay Lohan paired a chic, black, floor-length gown with red locks and lips.

6. Kim Kardashian, who came not with **Kanye West** but with her mother, **Kris Jenner**, wore a forest green velvet gown.

6. Actress **Claire Danes** wore a white halter-neck gown by Vivienne Westwood.

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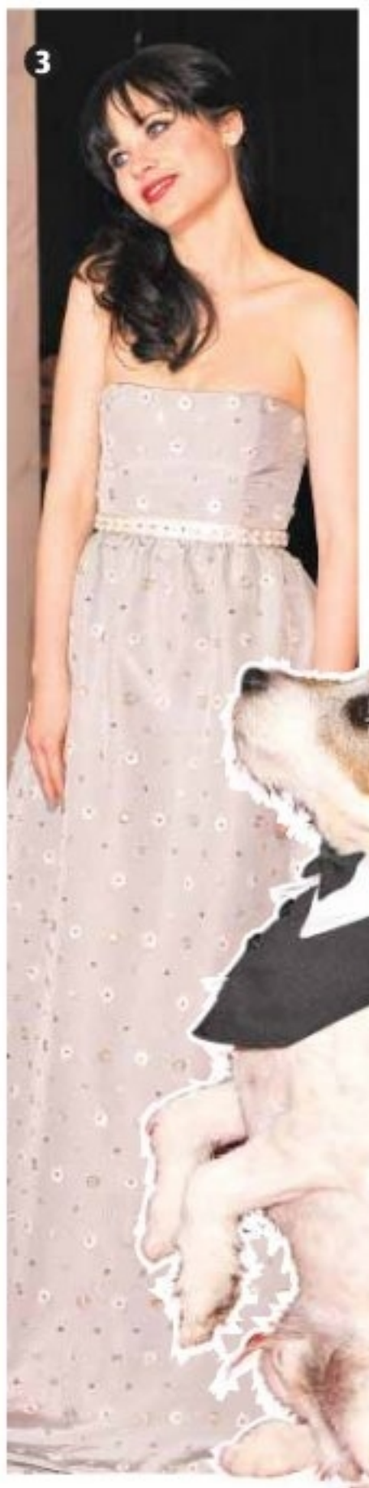

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Westwood: I prefer 'freedom fighter'

▶ Vivienne Westwood prefers "freedom fighter" over "environmental activist."

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Vivienne Westwood is now as famous for using her fashion shows as a platform to save the planet as she is for her iconic pirate boot. In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Month — she'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead.

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?

For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an interview with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the Gaia Theory. Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have [until] 2020 to do something — eight more years. And it's important for Americans to know that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few, but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?

A name I prefer is freedom fighter. I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibility as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium. I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change like, "Plus Five Degrees." Plus five degrees is uninhabitable.

What would you say to people who view your fight to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as contradictory?

My aim is quality, not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to provide a standard of good design — which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

KENYA HUNT
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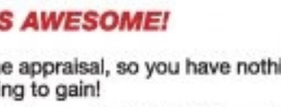
Green picks

We pick our three favorite bags from Vivienne Westwood's line, Ethical Fashion Africa, handmade in Nairobi. www.viviennewestwood.com

I LOVE CRAP clutch, $160



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Add Philly's arts scene to your routine

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▶ Spring in the city means there's an abundance of cool on just about every corner.

It may be Monday, but it's never too early to start thinking about how you can make the most of your weekend. How about adding seeking out some local culture? There are always new art exhibits and musical acts starting up in spring, but you might need to plan ahead so that you know where to go. With my suggestions below, you can get artsy, learn a new trick or jam out to some local tunes.

Zen in the city

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Check out the local art scene: Art can be both soothing and moving. Are you the kind of person who's never visited the local museum? I'll admit that when I get super busy, I forget that I live in one of the most artistic cities in the world! This weekend, I encourage you to take advantage of Philly's renowned art scene. Visit the Museum of Art and check out the latest exhibit. Maybe even hit up a local gallery for some extra inspiration.

Step outside of your comfort zone: If you've been feeling stuck in the same patterns, it's time to try something new. During one of your weekends, get unstuck and inspired with an innovative activity — maybe try trapeze lessons or hit up a local rock wall for some climbing. When you move your body in new ways, you feel accomplished and proud of yourself. The act of stepping outside of your comfort zone will greatly serve other areas of your life. Maybe your newfound confidence can help you head back to the office and finally ask for that raise you've been wanting!

Enjoy free outdoor music: One of my favorite things to do over a temperate weekend is find the best of the outdoor music scene. When the weather gets nicer, tons of DJs and musicians perform in local parks throughout the city. Check out the Metro listings to locate live — often free — outdoor shows where you can get your groove on.

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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Coursera will offer more than three dozen college courses in the coming year through its website on subjects ranging from Greek mythology to neurology, from calculus to contemporary American poetry. The classes are designed and taught by professors at Stanford, Princeton, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan.

Coursera joins a raft of ambitious online projects aimed at making higher education more accessible and affordable. Many of these ventures, however, simply post entire lectures on the Web, with no interactive component. Others strive to create brand-new universities from scratch.

The founders say Coursera will be different because professors from top schools will teach under their university's name and will adapt their most popular courses for the Web, embedding assignments and exams into video lectures, answering questions from students on online forums — even, perhaps, hosting office hours via video conference.

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For their part, participating universities expect to benefit by boosting their reputation overseas, connecting with far-flung alumni and bringing in donations from grateful online students. "It will increase our impact on the world," said Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania.

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Trial and error

In trial classes Coursera hosted this year, the production values were a bit rough.

Scott Page, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, filmed his lectures for a class called Model Thinking. Interruptions forced him to reshoot several segments — and as a result, he looks undeniably grumpy in some takes. A few of his online quizzes contain errors. His slides are sometimes hard to read. From time to time, his dog wanders into the frame.

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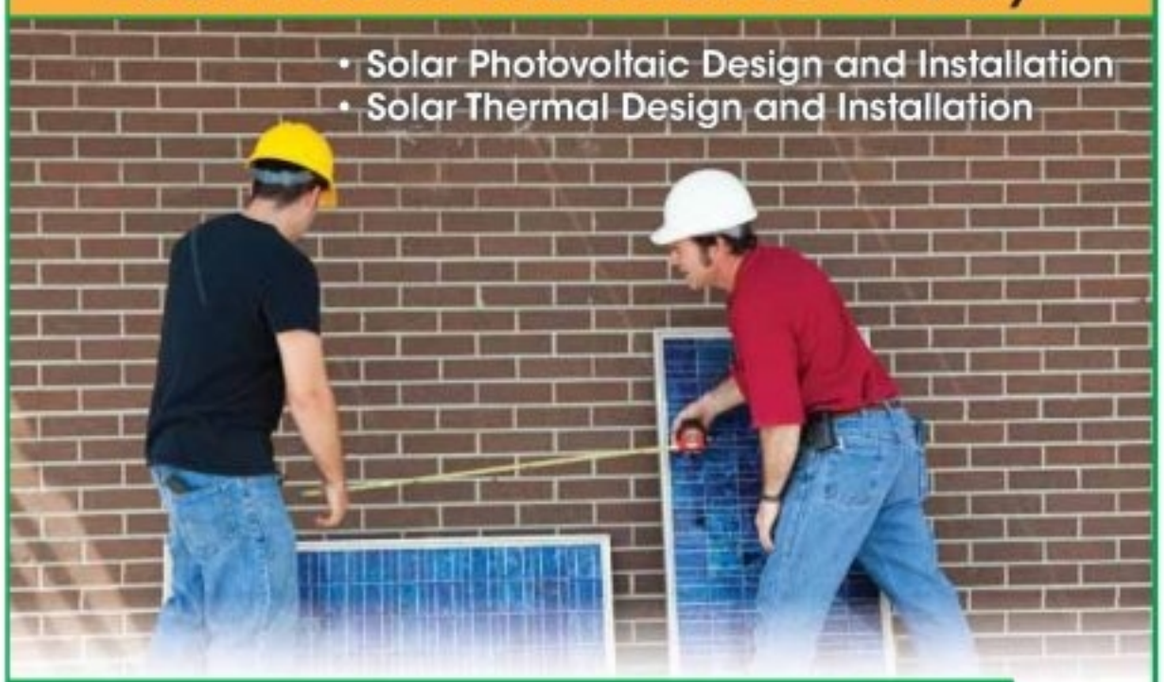

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New job site thinks like a matchmaker

- Start-up website Path.to takes an eHarmony approach to careers
- Job searching is simpler than soulmate searching, says founder

When it comes to deciding where to work, you don't want LinkedIn — you want eHarmony.

At least that's the idea behind Path.to, a job matchmaking start-up launching on Tuesday.

The new website asks job candidates to fill out a survey about their job preferences including location, salary, benefits and work environment. Other users can vouch for their skills, and endorsements are weighted depending on the reputation of those who give them.

To further verify their interests and expertise, candidates connect their profiles to social networks, such as Twitter and Facebook, and to professional communities, such as Behance, Dribbble, Forrst and Github.

Path.to uses all of this information to create a compatibility rating for each job it recommends. When candidates apply, employers can easily rank them by the same score. Both parties can indicate which results they like and dislike in order to improve future results.

For now, Path.to only lists tech jobs in San Francisco's Bay Area. The start-up has signed up about 120 hiring companies to pay per job listing. It has also accepted a $1.5 million investment from staffing firm Adecco and plans to incorporate a product for third-party staffing firms at some point.

But a recent review of dating sites that use algorithms to match potential couples found their claims of predicting true love don't pan out. Can an algorithmic matchmaking process work any better when it comes to jobs? "What eHarmony is looking for is a deeper, emotional understanding of a person for a broader set of reasons," Path.to founder Darren Bounds says. "Ours is for a more specific purpose."

Quoted

"It's not just about where you want to work, it's about where you're going to have the most success. What are you going to enjoy?"
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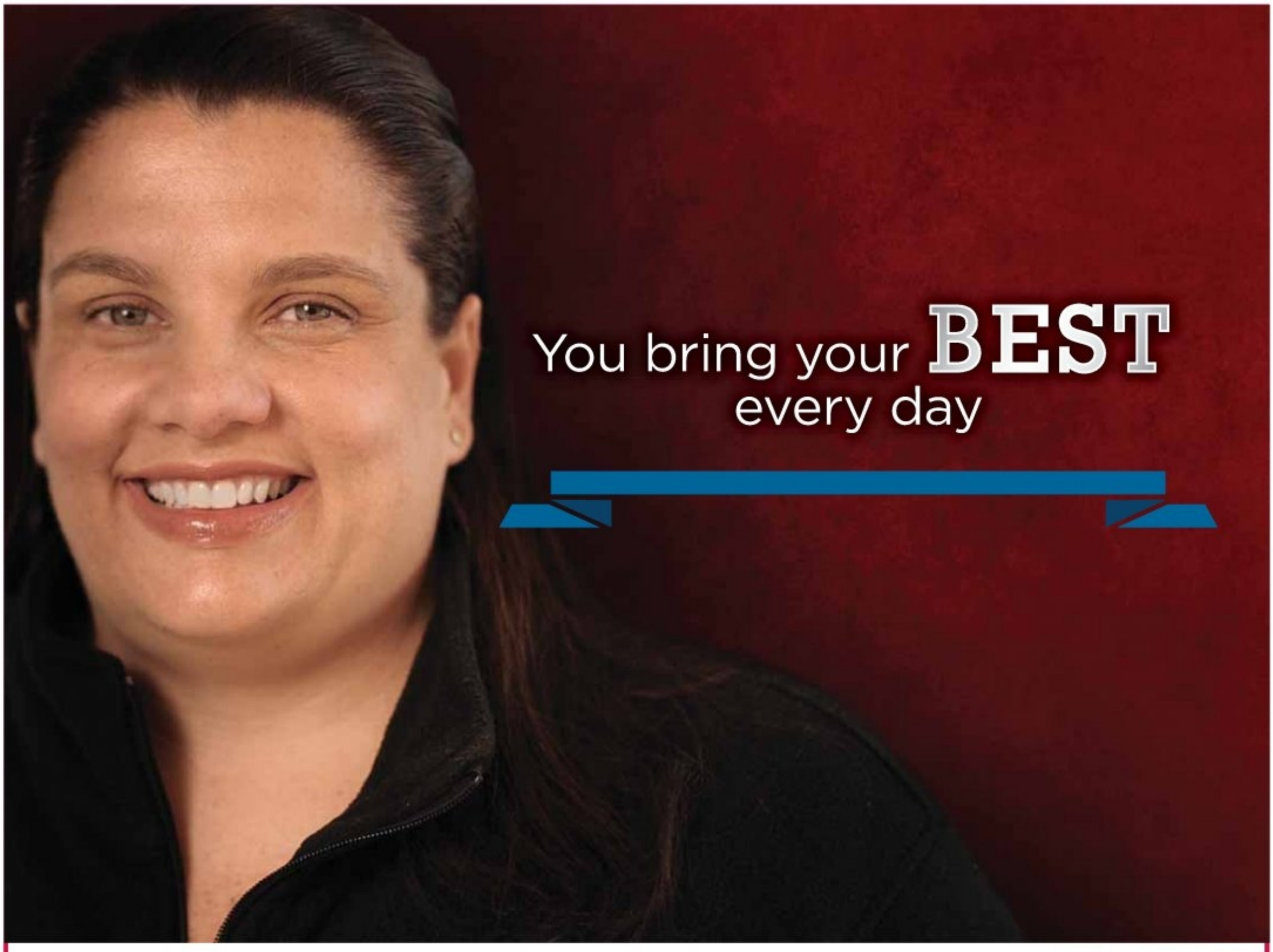

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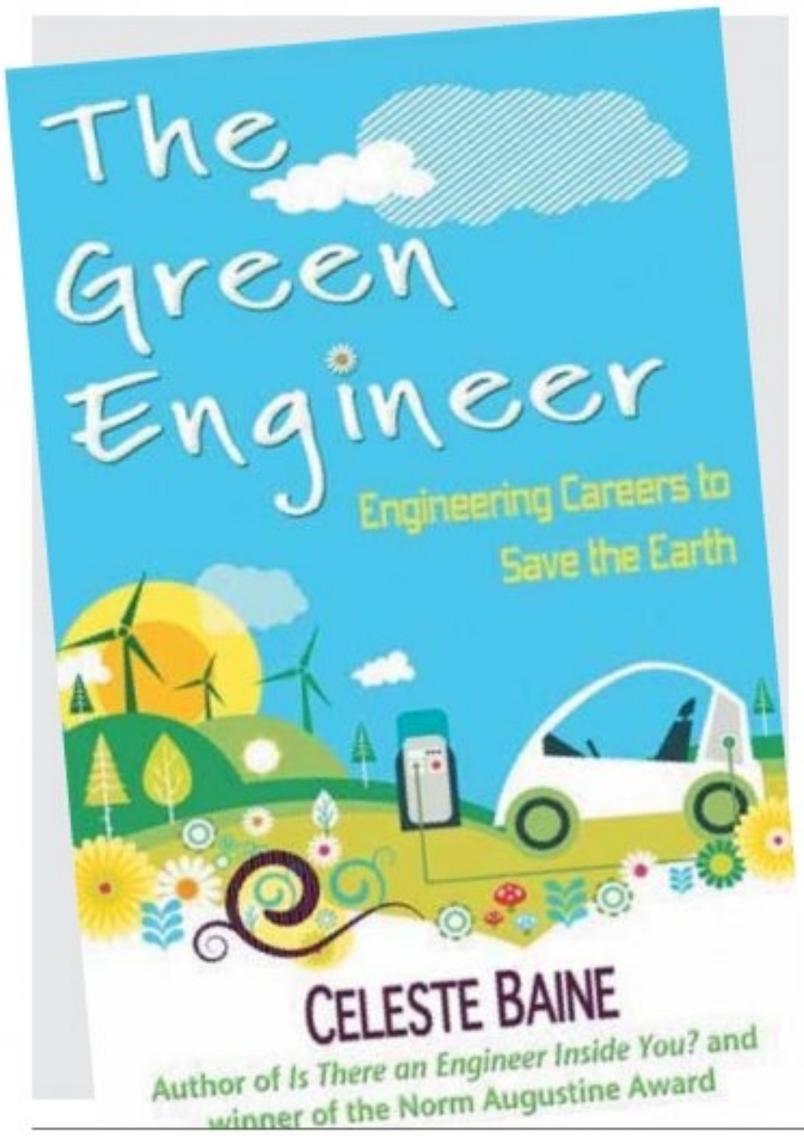
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Engineering Careers to Save the Earth
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When altruism meets engineering

The field doesn't always appear eco-friendly, but there's plenty of room for green engineers ◗ Celeste Baine on her guide for do-gooder Millennials

For the past decade, Celeste Baine has been attempting to hook high school students on engineering.

Through her Oregon-based company, Engineering Education Service Center, she leads workshops for both students and teachers, develops curricula for middle and high school students and even sells kitschy engineering-themed pins and shirts on the EESC website.

She's also published more than two dozen engineering career guides.

Her latest — "The Green Engineer: Engineering Careers to Save the Earth" — explores a plethora of job opportunities in the eco-minded economy.

"I feel like Millennials are very altruistic. So this book is an attempt to match that altruism with a career in engineering."
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"I look at these career guides from a different perspective. I like to actively ask the reader: 'What is it that you really like to do?' and lead them to the kinds of engineering jobs that involve those things," says Baine. "I feel like Millennials are very altruistic. So this book is an attempt to match that altruism with a career in engineering."

In a brief 146 pages, "Green Engineer" profiles careers in alternative fuels, public transportation, environmental building construction, resources management and more. Each chapter includes a summary pinpointing specific jobs within the field and the training required for each of them.

"A lot of people don't think of engineering and sustainability as tied together. But almost every kind of engineering is dealing with questions of sustainability," says Baine. "If students are interested in a green career, there isn't a specific degree they need. They should get out there and do the thing that is most fascinating to them, and link it back to green engineering when they're looking for employment."

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Health care law has much to love

RE: "HALF OF ALL WOMEN REPORT PROBLEMS GETTING HEALTH CARE": I could not agree more with Antoinette Valluzzi's letter regarding preventive health services that are now available without a co-pay thanks to Obama's health care law. It is not only women's preventive health services like pap smears that are covered by this law, but all Americans can now get annual checkups without a co-pay. Other benefits of the health care law include barring insurance companies from denying coverage to children who have pre-existing conditions, making it mandatory for insurance companies to provide coverage for dependent children up to the age of 26 and prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage to policyholders once they get sick. **CAROLYN CASEY, VIA E-MAIL**

"The least productive citizens will do even less than usual!"

May Day is nearly here, and the neo-communists are plotting their grand rebellion. None of the Occupiers will be productive tomorrow: That's right, the least productive citizens will do even less than usual — that will show them evil capitalists! It's hard not to laugh at these meatheads. Other than messing up traffic for productive citizens, what do these naive losers hope to accomplish? A Communist utopia run by the Occupy dum-dums? It's laughable, as they bring nothing to the table other than their appetite. History has proven their myopic worldview wrong on many occasions. What else does one need to know? **JOSHUA TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL**

Social Security will continue to pay out

RE: "SOCIAL SECURITY FUND TO RUN OUT": Your brief article about Social Security was very misleading. While the fund might "become insolvent in 2033," that means the fund will take in less money than it pays out, not that all the money will be gone. The fund, even without changes, will still be able to pay out for decades after 2033 most of the funds due retirees, just not full benefits. **ELKAN KATZ, PHILADELPHIA**

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What about the smokers, Obama?

RE: "CHANGE ON HOLD FOR THE CAMPAIGN": As a candidate, Obama vowed not to raise taxes on individuals making below $200,000. Sixteen days into office, he hiked the federal tax on conventional cigs from 39 cents to $1.01. I thought he wanted to tax the rich only. **STEPHEN HELFER, VIA E-MAIL**

Wake up and smell the new New Deal

RE: "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS FOR SERVICES": "Retrograde view of our government"? "Car bombs"? "Crazed snipers"? Mr. Connell must be living in the 1930s when the New Deal was in effect. What we need is less government, especially in "our" schools. The leftist lies our kids get indoctrinated with include global warming, pro-U.N. propaganda, politically correct "sustainability" hogwash. Mr. Connell: You need to enter the 21st century. **FRANK ST GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't allow anyone to involve you in petty social games just because that person wants to get even with someone he or she dislikes. Instead, enjoy all of your friends.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you hope to be content with your lot in life, it's important not to compare yourself to others. Be honest with yourself, and you'll realize how fortunate you are.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Phrase your comments very carefully, lest you inadvertently blurt out something hurtful. Once spoken, it could be quite difficult to explain.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Put definite limitations on your purchasing so that your extravagant urges don't get the upper hand. Spending foolishly on expensive things or events could do you in.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although at times you can get away with handling several situations simultaneously, this might not be the case today. Limit your focus and efforts to one endeavor at a time.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Make sure you handle all of your involvements in a mature manner. Others will have more respect for you if don't try to play upon their sympathy and goodness.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There are times when your strong personality can effectively enhance your image — but if you go overboard, it could be another story. Being a cocky hotshot will not play well.

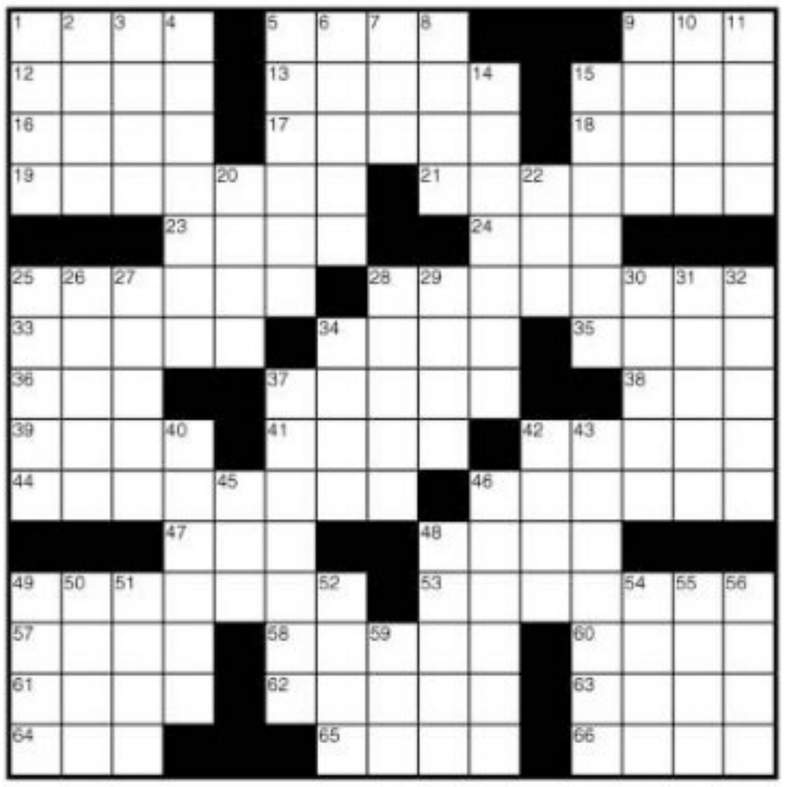
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** As long as you don't let self-doubt weaken your thrust, you'll have what it takes to be successful and accomplish your aims. However, any form of negativity will be counterproductive.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Falsely flattering someone could pump up the recipient for the moment, but come back to haunt you later on when, as a result, your pal thinks you owe him or her something.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There's a strong chance that once again you might not fare too well with someone who has bested you in the past, especially if you try too hard to overtake him or her.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't make any half-hearted promises today that you aren't likely to be able to keep. Unfortunately, you will be taken up on what you say and embarrassed if or when you can't produce.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you fail to help someone who asks for your assistance and desperately needs it, chances are you won't like yourself — especially if you refuse due to laziness. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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5 FDR's pooch
9 Really big tees
12 Moon goddess
13 Pablo's girl
15 "Famous" cookie maker
16 Skip
17 Media star
18 Bow and scrape
19 Wobbly dessert
21 Thinks up
23 Insect eater
24 __ kwon do
25 Bring to mind
28 Corsage orchid
33 An angle, perhaps
34 Positive
35 Did Easter eggs
36 Income source
37 Put up
38 Swing voter (abbr.)
39 Put __ __ on it!
41 Point __ __ return
42 Florentine poet
44 Wow 'em (3 wds.)
46 Bird's home
47 Dinner check
48 Oblong tomato
49 Office fastener
53 Disconnects
57 Before
58 Ratched or Houlihan
60 Libra's stone
61 Road for Caesar
62 Locations
63 __ monster
64 Monk's title
65 Kind of pilot
66 Unforeseen problem

Down
1 Block
2 Scottish philosopher
3 Dye-yielding plant
4 Drumming sound (hyph.)
5 Mudpack
6 Improve upon
7 __ Abner, of the comics
8 Made mellow
9 Noel, briefly
10 Rob of "Wayne's World"
11 9-digit IDs
14 Was an accomplice
15 Off the track
20 Decorated tinware
22 Cauldron
25 Elephant owner, maybe
26 Rod-shaped bacteria (2 wds.)
27 Old unit of length
28 Prompting
29 The younger Guthrie
30 Watching
31 Busybody
32 Waiter, at times
34 Muslim mystic
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42 Humid
43 Some watches
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Solution to weekend's crossword

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In the news

Sixers prepare for Game 2

The Sixers were idle yesterday after losing 103-91 to Chicago in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference playoff matchup.

But there was much talk about the series when news broke that Derrick Rose — the NBA's reigning MVP — had torn the ACL in his left knee. The Bulls will be without Rose for the remainder of the postseason.

"It's not a one-man show," said Andre Iguodala. "The perception can be that at times, but they have a solid unit and a great coach."

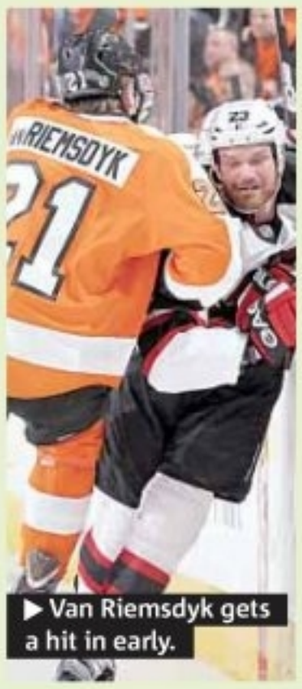
It's true. Rose missed 27 games (Chicago went 18-9) this season, and the Bulls still finished with the best record in the East. Game 2 is slated for Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Chicago.

What went right in Game 1 ...

1 Mr. April. If Reggie Jackson was Mr. October for the Yankees, Danny Briere is the Flyers' version. Briere got his listless team on the board first on a breakaway, then beat Martin Brodeur for the game-winner in OT. Danny Boy has seven goals in these playoffs. Overall, he's racked up 49 goals and 106 points in 104 career playoff games.

2 Protect the puck. Four of the seven goals, including all three Devils' scores, came off turnovers. New Jersey got on the board early when Matt Read coughed it up behind his own net. Ilya Bryzgalov failed to play the puck behind the net and was caught out of position on a tip-in. Jake Voracek's bad pass led to a third-period breakaway. Brodeur handed the Flyers their second goal when his clearing pass was picked off by Erik Gustafsson.

3 If at first ... Once again, the Flyers dug an early hole. Once again, they shrugged it off to dominate play the rest of the way. While Peter Laviolette and his players continue to bemoan these slow starts, the Flyers keep defying conventional philosophy by coming from behind to win. They are now 4-0 in the playoffs when the opposition has scored first. JON MARKS



▶ Van Riemsdyk gets a hit in early.

FLYERS 4 | DEVILS 3 (OT) **Philadelphia leads series, 1-0**

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▶ Danny Briere scored the game-winner in overtime yesterday. He has 106 points in 104 career playoff games.

IN THE LINE OF FIRE

Briere notches game-winner for Orange and Black ◗ Van Riemsdyk gets key screen on final goal ◗ Line totals three of Flyers' four goals in Game 1

James van Riemsdyk thought he was just getting his season going. He had missed time with multiple injuries, including a concussion, groin strain and ab strains, when the injury bug bit again. He broke his left foot blocking a shot in March and all of a sudden optimism turned into a horrifying year.

He returned to play Games 5 and 6 against Pittsburgh and, when the new series started, Peter Laviolette gave him a much larger role.

"Lavy told me he was gonna ease me in there from the start of the last series," van Riemsdyk said, "and I was able to take advantage of some of the chances I got."

He and Jake Voracek had been on the fourth line and jumped up to the second line with noted playoff assassin Danny Briere. The line accounted for three of the Flyers' four goals.

26 Goals for Danny Briere in his last 41 postseason games. He notched two more goals in yesterday's win.

"Everyone knows what kind of playoff players JVR and Danny B are, they showed it again today," Voracek said. "We had a lot of scoring chances. It's a good thing we got that overtime goal."

At 2:13 of overtime, Briere's would-be second goal was deemed kicked in after a video review and disallowed. The line plugged away and 2:23 later, Briere lit the lamp again. This time it counted.

Briere took a backhand pass from Voracek and ripped a slapshot from the left point that found its way through traffic and around van Riemsdyk, who was screening Marty Brodeur.

"When I was on the bench there, there's a few seconds where you're shaking your head and you're going, 'Come on, they made the wrong call. I can't believe this is happening,'" Briere said. "Then I was like, 'All right, it's time to stop pouting. Now, let's get back to work. Refocus. We'll deal with that after the game.' I was fortunate to have another break."

Briere now has seven goals in seven playoff games. He is a point-per-game player in the postseason.

"I think some people rise to the big occasions. It speaks to the player, not a game," Laviolette said. "I think through the course of history in sports, there are people who answer the bell."

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Ilya Bryzgalov let in a few soft goals, but he made big saves when he had to. He stopped 23 of 26 shots. Here's who scored for the Orange and Black:

- 8:07, second period, Danny Briere. Assist: Jake Voracek.
- 8:44, second period, James van Riemsdyk. Assist: Eric Gustafsson.
- 4:19, third period, Claude Giroux. Assists: Kimmo Timonen, Scott Hartnell.
- 4:36, overtime, Danny Briere. Assists: Jake Voracek, Matt Carle.

Phils offense consistent ... at being inconsistent

The questions keep flying like discarded shotgun shells at the O.K. Corral.

When will the offense turn it on? How can the Phillies score runs without Chase Utley and Ryan Howard?

After yesterday's latest disaster — a 5-1 loss to the dismal Chicago Cubs — the Phillies' clubhouse looked like a tomb. There was no music blaring. There were no high-fives. They didn't even have the Flyers-Devils game on the TV's.

"We didn't get nothing going," Charlie Manuel said. "I think [Matt] Garza had a lot to do with it but, at the same time, our hitting, as we've talked about just about every day, our hitting is inconsistent and we've got to be more consistent with our hitting."

Garza (2-1) pitched a gem for the Cubs, limiting the Phillies to one run on two hits while striking out 10. He retired a season-best 18 straight batters after Jimmy Rollins' lead-off single in the first inning. That was it until Hunter Pence legged out an infield single in the ninth.

"It's tough, especially with the makeup in the past of the Phillies, from being an opposing guy," said Juan Pierre. "You just always had that thunder in the middle of the lineup and now you just have to create more runs. You have to be on base, number one."

Pierre, who went 0-for-3, has been one of the Phillies' better hitters this season. The veteran has been in lineups built around power. He's also been in those built to manufacture runs. Right now, this offense is still trying to find its identity. Until it does, expect the questions concerning Utley and Howard to keep coming.

"I think everybody knew what it was from the outset, even coming into spring training," Pierre said "You're missing those two guys and, as a team, we realize it doesn't matter what we do, we're going to have to answer questions about Utley and Howard not being in the lineup. Those guys are just very impactful."

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Chrysler, Hyundai, VW pull into the auto sales fast lane

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Car sales in Europe fell for a sixth straight month in March, with a 6.6 percent decline, data from industry association ACEA showed earlier this month. Increases in the German and British markets were not enough to offset declines in France and Italy.

Automakers Volkswagen, Chrysler and Hyundai pulled away from rivals late last week, unveiling strong sales and profits driven by growth in the Americas and Asia.

Carmakers that rely heavily on European sales, by contrast, are struggling with cut-throat price competition in a dwindling market as government budget cuts, weak wages growth and rising unemployment depress consumers' spending power.

Robust sales in North America helped U.S. maker Chrysler Group LLC, managed by majority owner Fiat Spa, to post its best quarterly profit since its 2009 bankruptcy.

Chrysler's auto sales rose 33 percent in the quarter, led by its home U.S. market, where it gained market share on a first-quarter sales jump of 36 percent. Quarterly profit jumped to $473 million from $116 million a year ago.

"Another positive quarter — built on sales gains that have surpassed the industry average — is affirmation that the Chrysler team is maintaining its focus," said Sergio Marchionne, chief executive of both Chrysler and Italy's Fiat.

Even in sickly Europe, Hyundai bucked the trend, as modestly priced compact cars including its revamped i30 model, and long warranties fared better with cost-conscious drivers. The automaker — which with its affiliate Kia Motors is the world's fifth-largest — managed a double-digit percentage sales increase in Europe in the first quarter, even as the wider market shrank eight percent. It has also benefited from free trade deals with Europe and the United States.

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▶ Volkswagen posted a 10 percent gain in operating profit for the first quarter.

Germany's Volkswagen posted a surprise 10 percent gain in operating profit for the first quarter.

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GM CEO earned $7.7 million in cash, stock in 2011

General Motors Co. Chief Executive Dan Akerson earned $7.7 million in cash and stock in 2011, the year the automaker reclaimed its global sales crown and boosted its annual profit by 62 percent, GM said in a proxy filing on Thursday.

During his first full year as CEO, Akerson earned a $1.7 million salary, GM said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He also received about $6 million in salaried and restricted stock units.

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▶ Dan Akerson showed promise in his first year as GM CEO.

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GM's shares fell 45 percent in 2011.

Last year, GM sold more vehicles than any other automaker in the world and reached a labor agreement with the United Auto Workers union that helped maintain its lower break-even level. Still, GM's shares fell 45 percent last year. Among investors' concerns was GM's troubled Opel unit in Europe, where GM lost $747 million last year. GM was also hurt by weakness in South America. REUTERS

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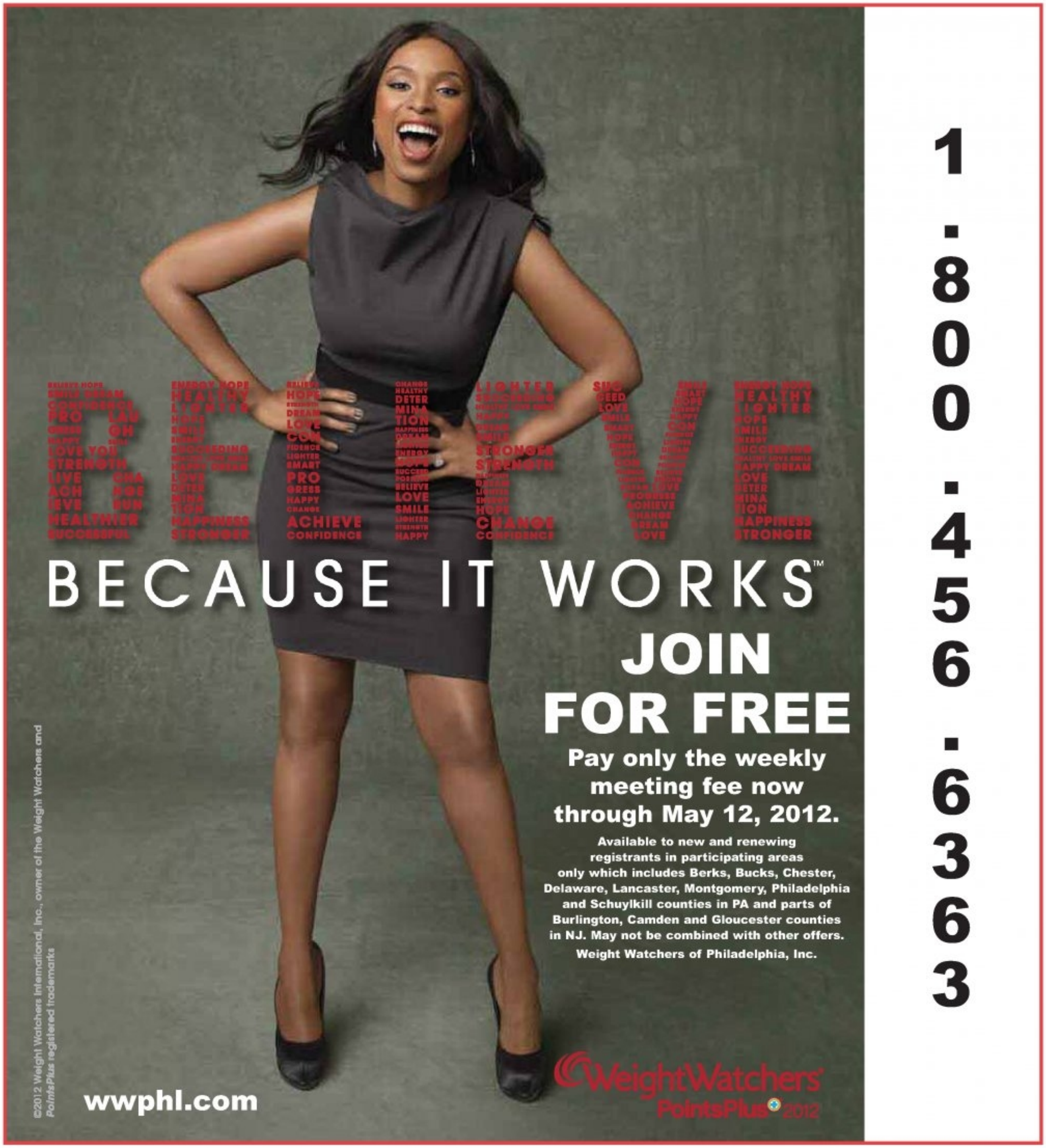
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